

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

I am sincerely distressed about the direction our country is heading. Earlier this century we stopped the robber barons with anti trust laws. Today we have megacompanies buying or is it bribing government into deregulation. We put our trust in government to protect us from those who seek to monopolize and thereby oppress and censor us; or is it government hand in hand with robber barons one wishing to censor and the other wishing to rip us off. I truly feel this would be one more step toward the dedemocratizing of America. We need an unbiased and free media not a potentially state censored media conglomerate.